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Notes taken at the Umpires' Conference.

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1 From The ARP Controller Bangalore
D.O. ARP. 130/41-42 dated 12th August 42
forwarding for information a copy of the Notes
taken at the Conference held in
Cornwallis Barracks on the 11th August 42
Submitted for personal Action

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
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No. 1786

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2. Despatch 1249/W dated 24th August 42 from the ARP Controller
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3 From The ARP Controller Bangalore
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HEADQUARTERS, BANGALORE CITY,

D. O. A.R.P. 130/41-43 Dated ....12th August.... 194 2

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Dear Sir, ..0.... 1535

I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of the Notes taken at the Umpires' Conference.

Yours sincerely,

[illegible] FOR LAW
AUG 13 1942
No 1498

Rajamantrapravina
A.V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,
Minister for Law in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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Signed by Mr. S.K.V.

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File No. 44-42

Serial No. 2.

No. 1249/W

To

The A.R.P Controller Bath

Sir,

I am directed to refer to D.O letter no ARP 130 & 12th Aug. 42 addressed to Mr. P Hetherington Rau by the Law Minister forwarding a copy of the Note taken at a Emergency Conference held at the Officers Training School. Cornwallis Barracks on the 11th Aug. 42 and to request that suitable action may be taken on the ten suggestions marked in the ~~Copy~~ enclosed. The copy of the note is returned herewith as requested and ~~returned~~ acknowledgment

~~Sir~~ 21/8

Chief Secy for

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No. 1249/W. Enclosure.

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24th August 1942.

The A.R.P. Controller,
Bangalore City.

I am directed to refer to D.O. letter No.A.R.P. 130 dated the 12th August 1942 addressed by Mr. P.H. Krishna Rao to the Law Minister forwarding a copy of the Notes taken at the Umpires Conference held at the Officers' Training School, Cornwallis Barracks on the 11th August 1942 and to request that suitable action may be taken on the ten suggestions marked in the copy of the notes which is returned for your reference and resubmission.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) M.G.Mehkri.
Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 1250/W. Dated the 24th August 1942.
Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments

to the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, for information.

For Chief Secretary to Govt.

SG.

C. F. NO. 40J

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE W44-42-3.

Telephone

No. A.R.P.130/42.43 946/W

Encls. Notes.

OFFICE OF
the A.R.P. Officer,
Bangalore City.

Date 9th September 1942.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE 1 SEP 19 BANGALORE

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Through: The Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir.

I have the honour to re-submit herewith, a copy of the notes taken at the Umpires Conference held at the Officers' Training School, Cornwallis Barracks, on the 11th August 1942, as desired in your letter No.1249/W dated 24-8-1942. Action is being taken on the suggestions made therein.

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Forwarded with Compliments

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Inspector General of Police

A.R.P. Officer,
Bangalore City.

KVN 10.9.

CHIEF SECRETARY 16 SEP. 19

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Notes taken at the Umpires' Conference, held in the Central Hall of the Officers' Training School, Cornwallis Barracks, on Tuesday the 11th August 1942 at 6 P.M.

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It was not so much an Umpires' Conference as an addres to Cadets and those taken part in the Exercises by certain prominent military Officers on the whole scheme and the lessons learnt from the Practices.

The first ~~difficulty~~ lapse revealed was the want of liaison between the P.A.D., C & M Station and the City Civil authorities. The Liaison Officer is not merely a messenger between the Departments, as he is the eyes and ears of the Department he represents. He must keep himself informed by asking questions and must also carry impressions of what is going on. There must be a Military representativ at the A.R.P. Headquarters just as there is a Civil (1) Representative at ~~G~~ the Military Headquarters. Even during this practice, the Civil Departments were kept in the dark by Military Headquarters till the last moment. The Police and the people must be taught to report in- (2) cidents, like, landing of para-chutists etc., to Military Headquarters.

The A.R.P. organisations on the whole, worked well; but, there must be more volunteers and more equipment and they must be better trained. The Wardens are even more enthusiastic than those in England, but the staff in the Control Room require training, in the receipt and despatch of messages. If a message is not clearly understood, don't say "I don't quite understand. Will you please say it again?". Save time by merely using one word

"Repeat"

(3) "Repeat". Messages must be checked by repeating.
(4) There must be a standard form of message. The messages
(5) must be delivered through slots in the wall. ~~They~~ messengers must not move about in the room, disturbing those in the Control Room, as it is very essential that they should have a calm atmosphere. No unnecessary person should have access to the Control Room. The A.R.P. Controller should be free to control and watch the work of others, and not be taxed with the work of receiving and sending messages himself. (6)

It was unfortunate that the Military did not provide casualities due to inclement weather. This should be avoided in future.

Fire Fighting:-- The first requisite is ~~the~~ an adequate supply of water, but, the water-supply in Bangalore is quite hopeless. (7) There must be more hydrants. At the Cantonment Station, the fire Engine was capable of pumping 150 to 200 gallons a minute, but, the hydrants could supply only 30 to 40 gallons per minute, as the pressure was low. There must be static tanks near all important buildings and in congested localities, capable of holding 15,000 to 20,000 gallons. (8) There must also be Mobile Water Lorries with tanks, 500 to 1,000 gallons capacity. (9) The number of Stirrup Pump Parties must be vastly increased and they must also be trained as fire Watchers in all important buildings. (10)

The results were fairly satisfactory considering that this was the first practice. It however demonstrated

demonstrated the need for more practices.

The Exercises assumed bombing of Bangalore by 100 Bombers who could carry bombs weighing a ton and a half each. The damage to Bangalore would be much more than what was represented by the staging of the incidents. The A.R.P. Organisation would therefore have to be much more than what it is now to cope with the situation. At the same time, Bangalore would be bombed not so much, for purposes of destruction as for occupation, as it is an important strategic Centre. Vital Points like, the Railway Station, Telephone Exchange, the Post & Telegraph Office and the Public Offices, may be damaged to disrupt communications and to dis-organise the Civil Government but they will not be destroyed as the enemy would require their use, in case he is successful.

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